



# CITY OF SANTA FE

## Memorandum

**Date:** June 3, 2025

**To:** Governing Body; Public Works and Utilities Committee; Finance Committee

**From:** Alan Hook, Water Resources Coordinator *AGH*

**Via:** Jesse Roach, Interim Public Utilities Director *JR*  
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**RE:** Water Trust Board Project No. WPF-6315, Funding of \$2,000,000 for San Juan-Chama Return Pipeline Project

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The proposed bill would authorize the execution and delivery of both a Water Project Fund loan of \$800,000 as well as a grant of \$1,200,000 between the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) and the City of Santa Fe (City), New Mexico. The total amount, \$2,000,000, would finance the cost of designing a new pipeline and pumps to reclaim treated effluent water derived from the San Juan-Chama Project water for reuse via return flow credits and increased diversions at the Buckman Direct Diversion intake. The bill specifies that both the loan and the grant be utilized solely for the eligible project costs, pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 72-4A-7(C). With respect to the loan debt, the bill pledges that the City would repay the loan amount and an administrative fee solely from the net revenues of the water utility system of the City.

**BACKGROUND:** The design for the proposed new San Juan-Chama Return Pipeline Project and pumps to return San Juan-Chama Project source effluent water for reuse via return flow credits and increased diversions is for the purpose of adding resiliency to Santa Fe's regional water supply, which is threatened by drought, climate change and wildfire.

### ATTACHMENTS:

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